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Re: 10/679,534 clarification of claims

Dear Mr. Lars Olson:

I enjoyed speaking with you. I understand that while my clarifications explain the uniqueness of my patent the associated claims are too broadly defined. To rectify this I have amended the claim statement:

1. A hull for conveyance across a fluid compromising:

    a) a central hull with a buoyant forward section

With

1. A hull for conveyance across a fluid compromising: *(original)*

    a) a central hull with a single buoyant deep vee bow section

(currently amended)

This amendment also applies to claims 4-a and 14-a. Dependent claim 11 was also amended to describe the chines as being of constant width or straight and parallel. The property of being parallel increases speed by reducing drag. Dependent claim 7 was effected by this change and was broadened. Claim 7 now describes the open space between the chines as narrowing, remaining constant, or increasing as the chines transition aft. Claims 12 and 13 are presently accepted so they were not changed.

I believe this will provide the clarification necessary to distinguish my patent claims from others. If the claims remain too broad please let me know.

Best Regards,

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